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**DIGEST**

Adds 844 IAC 10-6 to establish standards for training and supervision for occupational therapy aides. Effective 30 days after filing with the secretary of state.

**844 IAC 10-6**

SECTION 1. 844 IAC 10-6 IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Rule 6. Occupational Therapy Aides; Training and Supervision**

**844 IAC 10-6-1 Training programs**

**Authority:** IC 25-23.5-2-6

**Affected:** IC 25-23.5-2

**Sec. 1. An occupational therapy aide is an unlicensed or uncertified person who assists in the practice of occupational therapy. Therefore, before an occupational therapy aide may be involved in the provision of direct services to patients, the occupational therapy aide shall have received site-specific training that is appropriate and consistent with the role and function of the aide in the facility to which he or she is assigned. Well-defined and documented training programs are required for the occupational therapy aide to ensure the delivery of quality services. (Medical Licensing Board of Indiana; 844 IAC 10-6-1; filed Sep 1, 2000, 2:04 p.m.: 24 IR 23)**

**844 IAC 10-6-2 Indirect and direct patient services**

**Authority:** IC 25-23.5-2-6

**Affected:** IC 25-23.5-2

**Sec. 2. An occupational therapy aide may contribute to indirect patient services through the provision of routine department maintenance, transportation of patients, preparation and setting up of treatment equipment, and performing clerical activities. An aide, with direct on-site supervision of a certified occupational therapist or, when appropriate, a certified occupational therapy assistant, may provide direct patient service. (Medical Licensing Board of Indiana; 844 IAC 10-6-2; filed Sep 1, 2000, 2:04 p.m.: 24 IR 23)**

**844 IAC 10-6-3 Direct supervision**

**Authority:** IC 25-23.5-2-6

**Affected:** IC 25-23.5-2

**Sec. 3. Direct supervision means that the supervising occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall:**  
**(1) be on the premises, immediately available, in person, and responsible at all times whenever an occupational therapy aide is performing direct client services; and**  
**(2) examine each client prior to the treatment session of the purpose of determining whether a portion of the treatment may be delegated to the occupational therapy aide.**

*(Medical Licensing Board of Indiana; 844 IAC 10-6-3; filed Sep 1, 2000, 2:04 p.m.: 24 IR 24)*

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